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Pechnology Center 3 700, Application No.: 09/660,562 Examiner: Unknown Filed: September 12, 2000 Group/Art Unit: 2152 Inventor(s): Atty. Dkt. No: 5181-64400 Saulpaugh et al § I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with § the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for § Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date indicated below. § **EFFICIENT** Title: Robert C. Kowert § § **CONSTRUCTION OF** Name of Registered Representative **MESSAGE ENDPOINTS** § § INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 Sir: Applicant requests consideration of \(\sqrt{\operation} \) the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and/or \(\square\) the additional information identified below in paragraph 3. A copy of each reference listed on the Form PTO-1449 is enclosed. 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted: a. within 3 months of the filing date of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under § 1.53(d); within 3 months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in § 1.491 in an International application;

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3.		Consideration of the following additional information (including any co-pending or abandoned U.S. applications, prior uses and/or sales, etc.) is requested:		
4.	For each non-English language reference listed on the attached Form PTO-1449:			
	П	reference is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or		
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		reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or		
		reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s), and/or		
		reference is made to the concise explanation set forth below:		
5.		Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:		
6.		Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.		
7.		The listed documents were brought to the attention of the Applicant(s) after payment of the issue fee in the captioned case. The documents were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant(s) request this Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 be placed in the file of the captioned application.		

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Respectfully submitted,

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